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## Cromwell Advertisements



### THE PEOPLE'S BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

JOHN MARSH,

Of the Bridge Hotel, Cromwell,

IS DETERMINED TO GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY.



### CROMWELL VETERINARY

SHOEING FORGE.

Next door to Smitham's Kawarau Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY,

(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER,

AND MACHINIST.

E. L. begs to inform the public of Cromwell

that he has purchased the business of Mr Thompson,

and trusts by strict attention to business,

and the execution of all work placed in his hands

in a first-class and workmanlike manner, to

merit a continuance of the support accorded his

predecessor.

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### CROMWELL HOTEL, CROMWELL.

ROBERT KIDD, PROPRIETOR.

The travelling public and Commercial Gentlemen will find this the most convenient house to put up at in Cromwell. There are excellent bed, private sitting, and dining rooms, and attached to the establishment is a magnificent Billiard Saloon, and the largest hall for Concerts, Balls, or Theatrical Representations out of Dunedin.

Excellent Stabling, &c.

CROMWELL.

### M R M A N D E R S, LEGAL AND MINING AGENT.

Registered to practise in the Warden's Courts for the Dunstan Goldfields.

Agent for the Northern Fire and Life Insurance Company (capital Two Millions).

### W. H. W H E T T E R, BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

A large and varied stock of Home and Colonial made Boots and Shoes on hand, to which attention is respectfully requested.

PRICES MODERATE.

DAGG'S

### CLUTHA HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

GINGERBEER & CORDIALS.

TO THE INHABITANTS

OF THE

CROMWELL DISTRICT.

THE Undersigned begs leave to intimate to the public that he is prepared to supply them with GINGERBEER and CORDIALS, of a superior description, and at prices to defy competition.

GINGERBEER ..... 3s. PER DOZ.

CORDIALS ..... 20s. PER DOZ.

Encourage Local Industry, and Patronize

JOHN M. KELLY,

GOLDEN AGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

## Cromwell Advertisements

### JUNCTION COMMERCIAL HOTEL, CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER,  
PROPRIETOR.

IN returning thanks for past favors, begs to announce that neither trouble nor expense have been spared to render the above establishment second to none upon the Goldfields.

Being situated in the very centre of the town, it affords every convenience for Commercial Travellers and others visiting the Cromwell district.

The Bedrooms, Private Parlors, &c., Are fitted up with every regard to comfort and convenience.

The BILLIARD SALOON (the largest in the district) is provided with one of Alcock's Tables.

Extra attention has been bestowed upon the STABLING DEPARTMENT, and as it has been placed under the management of an experienced groom, the public may rely upon every care being taken of horses.

SMITHFIELD BUTCHERY,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL.

WILLIAM JACKSON BARRY, PROPRIETOR.

### SHAMROCK STORE,

CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLEY & Co.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION

MERCHANTS.

A large and varied assortment of

WINE, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district,

free of charge.

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### KAWARAU HOTEL, CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM, PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel in the District.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,  
With one of Alcock's best Tables.

Coaches leave for Queenstown and Arrow every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9 a.m.; for Clyde every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.; and for Cardrona and Albertown every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every care will be bestowed upon horses. An experienced groom in attendance.

[A CARD.]

### R. F. B A D G E R, LEGAL AND MINING AGENT,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL;

AND AT BENDIGO GULLY.

[A CARD.]

### JAMES CORSE, M.D., CROMWELL,

May be consulted daily at his residence,

MELMORE-STREET.

CROMWELL.

### FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,

(Wholesale and Retail,)

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

Kawarau Gorge Advertisements

### DIGGER'S REST HOTEL,

KAWARAU GORGE.

NICHOLAS CAMPION,  
Proprietor.

Wines and Spirits of the best description.

STABLING.

### SLUICER'S ARMS HOTEL,

KAWARAU GORGE,

JOHN WRIGHTSON,  
Proprietor.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS.

GOOD STABLING. Three Loose Boxes, second to none.

BILLIARDS.

### WHITE HART HOTEL,

KAWARAU GORGE.

(On the main road to Queenstown),

THOMAS HERON,  
Proprietor.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS.

## CROMWELL

### JOCKEY CLUB RACES.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY,  
30th and 31st December 1869.

Stewards:

W. SMITHAM T. LOUGHNAN J. W. GARRETT  
J. WRIGHTSON J. DAWKINS J. COWAN  
W. J. BARRY J. A. FRESHAW T. LOGAN.

Judge:

R. LOUGHNAN.

Starter:

J. DAWKINS.

Treasurer:

J. A. FRESHAW.

Clerk of the Course:

W. J. BARRY.

Secretary:

ROBERT E. DAGG.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY,  
Dec. 30.

Maiden Plate

Of 30 sovs., for all horses that have never won an advertised race (hack and matches excepted). Weight for age. Distance, a mile and a-half. Entrance £2 2s.

Town Plate

Of 75 sovs. Weight for age. Distance, three miles. Entrance £4 4s.

Hurdle Race

Of 30 sovs. Twice round the Course—about three miles. Over eight flights of hurdles. No weight less than 10st 11lb. Entrance £2 2s.

Publicans' Purse Handicap

Of 40 sovs., with a sweepstake of £1 1s., the sweepstake to go to the second horse. Distance, two miles. Nomination, with £1 1s., to be sent in on or before Monday, 20th December; acceptance, with £2 2s., on the night of general entry. Weights to be declared as in District Handicap.

Hack Race

Of 15 sovs. One mile; heats. No weight less than 10st 11lb. Post Entry, £1 1s.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY,  
Dec. 31.

Miners' Purse

Of 15 sovs. For all untrained horses. No horse allowed to run that has won over £20 of public money. No weights less than 10st 11lb. One mile heats. Post Entry, £1 1s.

District Handicap

Of 100 sovs. Sweepstakes of £2 2s each; second horse to receive the amount of sweepstakes. Nominations, with £2 2s., to be made on or before Monday, 20th December. Acceptance, £3 3s., to be paid the night of general entry. Weights to be declared on the 23rd December. Distance, 2½ miles. Winner of Town Plate to carry 5lbs penalty.

Ladies' Purse

Of 30 sovs. Two miles. Gentleman riders. Welter Weights for age. Entrance, £2 2s., to be paid on the night of general entry.

Handicap Trotting Race

Of 15 sovs. Three miles. Post Entry, £1 1s.

Consolation Handicap

Of 20 sovs. For all beaten horses. Mile and a-half. Entrance, £1 1s.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. No entry will be received unless upon these conditions—That all disputes, claims, and objections arising out of the races shall be decided by the Stewards, or a majority of them whose decisions upon all points connected with the carrying out of the programme shall be final.

2. No person shall enter or nominate a horse unless he is a subscriber of not less than £2 2s. to the Race Fund. Moreover, no one to enter or nominate a horse not his *bona fide* property, unless the said subscription of £2 2s. be paid for the actual owner, under penalty of forfeiting any race such horse may win.

3. The entries to be sealed, addressed to the Secretary Cromwell Jockey Club, and forwarded to him on or before the 20th December, at eight p.m., entrance money to be enclosed, with name, age, and pedigree (if any) of the horse, name of the owner, and the colours of the rider.

The Rules of the Dunstan Jockey Club will be strictly adhered to.

Five per cent. will be deducted from all winners.

**THE CROMWELL ARGUS**  
**WILL BE ENLARGED TO**  
**EIGHT PAGES (DOUBLE-CROWN SIZE)**  
**ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 15.**  
**SUBSCRIPTION:—6s. PER QUARTER.**  
**MATTHEWS and FENWICK.**

**DENTISTRY**  
**FOR A FEW DAYS.**

**J. R. ARMSTRONG,**  
**SURGICAL AND MECHANICAL DENTIST**  
 (Established, Dunedin, 1861).  
 Is now in this district, and can be consulted at his office, next Smitham's hotel, between the hours of 10 and 5 o'clock.  
 J.P.A. strongly urges the necessity of having decayed teeth stopped, by which means they are rendered as useful as when sound.  
 CHILDREN'S TEETH REGULATED.  
 P.S.—Artificial Teeth of every description fitted in Gold or Vulcanite, with perfect exactness, so as to restore articulation, mastication, and impaired digestion; and present a perfectly natural appearance.

**NOTICE.**  
 WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the inhabitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra and Clyde districts that we have appointed  
**I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,**  
 CROMWELL,  
 as our only Agents for the sale of our Sifted FLOUR, BRAN, and POLLARD.  
 We guarantee all Flour branded with our name and obtained through the above agents.  
**ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN,**  
 Brunswick Flour Mills,  
 Lake Wakatipu.

**CROMWELL RACE ART-UNION,**  
*For the Distribution of*  
**Twenty Articles in Gold, &c.,**  
 (For List of Prizes, see Tickets).  
 By **CHAS. BERRY, WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,**  
 Cromwell (late of Queenstown).  
**ONE HUNDRED SUBSCRIBERS,**  
**At Ten Shillings Each.**

To be drawn at the Council Hall, Cromwell, on  
**FRIDAY, 31st DECEMBER 1869,**  
**At Eight o'clock p.m.**

The Prizes are on view at C. BERRY's, next Smitham's Kawarau Hotel.  
 Tickets, with List of Prizes printed on the back, may be obtained at the CROMWELL ARGUS Office; at the Kawarau Hotel; or of C. BERRY.  
 The Winning Numbers will be advertised in the CROMWELL ARGUS.

**V. R.**  
**THE Holders of QUARTZ CLAIMS**  
 at BENDIGO GULLY are requested to MEET the WARDEN, on THURSDAY, the 9th of December, at FERRIS'S STORE, upon the Reefs, at Two o'clock p.m.  
 The attendance of ONE representative from each Claim will be required.

**MUNICIPALITY OF CROMWELL.**  
**EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.**  
 I hereby give notice that the NOMINATION of CANDIDATES for the office of COUNCILLOR for BRIDGE WARD (in the room of Councillor FRAZER, resigned), will take place in the Town Hall, on THURSDAY, the 9th day of December instant, at noon; and that the POLL (if necessary) will take place on MONDAY, the 13th day of December instant.  
**W. H. WHETTER,**  
 Mayor.

**TENDERS WANTED.**  
**TENDERS** are invited for the ERECTION of a CATHOLIC CHAPEL at Cromwell, according to Plans and Specifications, which may be seen in the hands of Mr PATRICK KELLY, Golden Age Hotel, Secretary to the Committee.  
 Tenders to be lodged not later than the 14th DECEMBER current. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.  
 For further particulars, apply to the Rev. J. A. NORRIS, Catholic Priest.

**CROMWELL RACES.**  
**THE BOOTHS** (numbers 1 and 2) on the RACE-COURSE will be sold by Auction on MONDAY NEXT, the 13th inst., in the Town Hall, at 9 p.m.

**CROMWELL RACES.**  
**TENDERS** are invited for clearing the RACE COURSE (twelve feet wide). For particulars, apply to the SECRETARY, Town Hall. Tenders to be sent in to the Secretary, on or before MONDAY Next, 13th inst., by 8 p.m.

**New Advertisements.**  
 WILL BE CLASSIFIED IN OUR NEXT.  
**NOTICE.—The ROUGH RIDGE QUARTZ MINING COMPANY,** Registered, IDA VALLEY, is prepared to CRUSH PROSPECTING PARCELS OF AURIFEROUS QUARTZ, at the rate of One Pound per ton, in quantities not less than Ten Tons.  
 Apply to the Mining Manager, on the Works.  
**M. W. HAWKINS,**  
 Manager.  
 Dunedin, 2nd December 1869.

**TENDERS WANTED**  
 FOR  
**DRIVING A TUNNEL**  
 AT THE  
**ROYAL STANDARD CLAIM,**  
**PIPECLAY GULLY.**  
 Specifications to be seen at Daggs's Clutha Hotel. Tenders to be sent in not later than 8 p.m. on Saturday, 11th inst.  
**R. E. DAGG, Secretary.**

**VULCAN HOTEL, ST. BATHANS.**  
**SAMUEL HANGER, Proprietor.**  
*First-class Accommodation for Travellers.*  
 Always on hand—Wines, Spirits, and Ales of the best quality.  
 BILLIARD TABLE.—GOOD STABLING.  
 BLACKSMITH'S SHOP adjoining. Horses shod on the shortest notice. 5-17

*To the Inhabitants of the Cromwell District.*  
**R. BARTLOW,**  
**PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER,**  
 AND  
**MANUFACTURING JEWELLER,**  
**CLYDE.**  
 Has now on hand a choice and varied assortment of Gold and Silver WATCHES; English, French, and American CLOCKS; also, a very choice selection of English & Colonial JEWELLERY, consisting of  
 Gold Scarf Pins | Brooches  
 Lockets | Parings  
 Chains | Guards  
 Watches, Jewels, &c., and Keeper Rings, Seals, Keys, and Chains in endless variety, of the newest designs.  
 ALSO,  
 Lately arrived, a very suitable and elegant assortment of FANCY GOODS, too numerous to particularize, very suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

*Watches and Clocks carefully cleaned & repaired.*  
**ALBION HOTEL AND STORE**  
**LUOGATE,**  
 (28 miles from Cromwell, on the main road to Lake Wanaka).  
**H. MAIDMAN, Proprietor.**  
 This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation for the comfort and convenience of travellers.  
 Groceries, Clothing, Drapery, Ironmongery, Mining Tools, &c., &c., constantly on hand, at Cromwell prices.  
**GOOD STABLING.**  
**N.B.—District Post Office.**

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.**  
**WANAKA HOTEL, PEMBROKE.**  
 The above hotel, which is delightfully situated on the margin of the Wanaka Lake, offers to the tourist and pleasure-seeker advantages rarely to be met with.  
 The scenery in the neighbourhood is exceedingly picturesque; and on an island in the Lake there is excellent rabbit-shooting.  
 A large PLEASURE-BOAT is kept for the accommodation of visitors, and every care is taken to provide means for their enjoyment while staying at the WANAKA HOTEL, which is universally admitted to be one of the most comfortable and best conducted houses in the Province.  
 The Proprietors of the WANAKA HOTEL can confidently state that a more pleasant method of passing a few days free from the turmoil and care of business, than by a sojourn in the neighbourhood of the picturesque and romantic Wanaka Lake, can scarcely be imagined.

**THE STORE,**  
 In connection with the hotel, is well supplied with Groceries, Household Utensils, Ironmongery, Mining Tools, &c.  
**HEDDITCH & RUSSELL,**  
 Proprietors.  
**R. PRITCHARD,**  
*Wholesale and Retail Storekeeper,*  
**WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,**  
**ARROWTOWN.**

The largest and best-assorted stock of Wines, Spirits, Groceries, and Provisions in the district.  
 A well-assorted stock of Boots and Shoes, Drapery, &c.  
 Agent for T. ROBERTSON & Co., Agricultural Implement Manufacturers, Dunedin & Melbourne.

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 WILL BE CLASSIFIED IN OUR NEXT.  
**QUEENSTOWN SHOEING FORGE.**  
**J. BRIDGE,**  
*General Blacksmith and Farrier,*  
**REES STREET, QUEENSTOWN.**  
 —O—  
**First-rate Stabling: good Oaten Hay.**  
 —O—  
**HORSES FOR HIRE.**

**QUEEN'S ARMS HOTEL,**  
**QUEENSTOWN.**  
**A. EICHARDT, PROPRIETOR.**  
 Private Rooms for Families.  
 SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.  
 A large and commodious STABLE, capable of accommodating twenty horses, has recently been completed, and has been pronounced by all who have visited the district as second to none in Dunedin. An experienced groom in attendance.  
 Booking Office for Cobb & Co.'s line of Coaches.

**PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,**  
 (Corner of Beach and Rees streets),  
**QUEENSTOWN.**  
**W. McLARN, PROPRIETOR.**  
 The above Hotel continues to keep up its reputation as one of the most comfortable in the Wakatipu district. The best accommodation for visitors and boarders.  
**FIRST-CLASS STABLING.**  
 The only paddock accommodation in the district.  
*The Pioneer of Sixpenny Drinks.*

**WAKATIP SAW MILLS.**  
**J. W. ROBERTSON & CO.,**  
**TIMBER MERCHANTS,**  
**QUEENSTOWN.**  
 Every description of SAWN TIMBER constantly on hand, at FRANKTON and QUEENSTOWN.

**ROBERT BOYNE,**  
**GENERAL STOREKEEPER**  
 AND NEWS AGENT,  
**Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu.**  
 A large stock of Groceries and other goods always on hand. Importer of English and Colonial Newspapers. Orders punctually attended to, and newspapers forwarded to any part of the district.  
 Agent for the CROMWELL ARGUS.

**COMMERCIAL.**  
**ARGUS OFFICE,**  
 Tuesday afternoon.  
 Business has been rather quiet during the week, but it is usually so previous to Christmas. Stocks, however, are being replenished in anticipation of increased trade during the holidays. The demand from Bendigo Gully and other places remains about the same.  
 Flour (Robertson & Hallenstein's).—£17 to £19 per ton.  
 Pollard do. do. £13 per ton.  
 Bran do. do. 9 " "  
 Oats.—7s per bushel.  
 Wheat.—7s per bushel.  
 Chaff.—£7 per ton.  
 Hay.—£9 " "  
 Straw.—£7 " "  
 Potatoes.—£5 " "  
 Bread.—1s per 4lb loaf.  
 Butter.—2s per lb.  
 Cheese.—1s 6d " "  
 Bacon.—1s 6d " "  
 Ham.—1s 8d " "  
 Eggs.—2s per dozen.  
 Kerosene.—4s 9d per gallon.  
 Candles.—1s 3d per lb.  
 Cartage from Dunedin.—£7 10s per ton.

**THE**  
**Cromwell Argus.**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1869.**

EVERY day shows the necessity of having an agricultural area opened on the Upper Clutha. There are many among us anxious to cultivate the soil, and settle down permanently. It is impolitic not to gratify that desire, leading as it would to the settlement of a valuable yeomanry population of energy and intelligence. The entire colony gains by such settlement, but to gold-fields districts the immediate benefits are large and of an important nature. These do not require to be urged at length; their actual value is exemplified in such districts as the Lakes and Tuapeka, and especially the former, with its extensive farms, comfortable homesteads, a well-doing population—possessing, besides, its fields, flocks and herds. This is the class to settle around the gold-fields, as they put in force the energy and pluck that characterised them while following mining

pursuits. They are ready at all times to forward and assist mining enterprises; they have materially cheapened the cost of living; they do not view with suspicion and dread mining schemes; but, on the other hand, are rather inclined to support them in times of difficulty and trial. Thus the two interests become bound together by a combination of circumstances that even extends to the private relations of life. The happy results of this are more extensively witnessed in the various gold-fields districts of Victoria, and there is no population that possesses, perhaps, so much self-reliance, and is, therefore, generally so contented and prosperous, as a farming community whose interests are allied with the progress of the gold-fields. We have in this district an excellent opening to form such a population, and to establish in our midst successfully so valuable and permanent a pursuit as that of farming. A fine stretch of from 10,000 to 15,000 acres of good land is stated by competent authorities to exist in the direction named. The area is adjacent to the Bendigo gold-field, which is yet only in its infancy, and promises to be not only a lasting but an extensive one also. The climate is excellent, and water-power to drive a flour-mill is available. Moreover, a large number of small capitalists are ready to take up farms and change the wilderness into fruitful fields, dotted with homes and farm-buildings. Sheep at present occupy this inviting country, so suitable for cultivation, with its rolling plains and rounded hills and glades. Upon all these grounds, then, we urge that steps should be at once taken to have these lands thrown open. A public meeting, and a memorial, would no doubt assist in hastening the steps of the Provincial Government in the matter. The time is slipping by, and the sooner we make a commencement, the sooner will the district acquire an additional source of prosperity and industry. Let us then be up and doing. The miner is largely interested, the townsman and merchant more so, and, from a higher point of view, so are the parents of children who desire that their offspring should follow other pursuits besides those of mining. An agricultural population necessitates the establishment of other trades, and thus an opening is made for the employment of the rising generation. Earnestly, then, having the blessing of good land at our command, do we urge immediate public action upon the subject. It was a source of great regret to us when we gazed from the Bendigo Hill over that fair land of Goshen stretching up the Clutha to the Wanaka Lake, spreading out so attractively to the right hand and to the left hand, and watered by many a stream, as well as by a noble river, to see it remain unoccupied and in its primitive and barren state.

But though we advocate the immediate opening up of these lands for settlement, it does not necessarily follow that they should be sold. This, in our opinion, would be extremely injudicious, as, if offered by public auction, their final destination would be the same as the Island Block at Teviot, namely, the hands of the squatter. Experience is the best guide to rely upon, and experience tells us that sales of land by auction only tend more surely to allow the capitalist to secure the choice and best selections. All the evidence taken before the Waste Lands Committee confirmed the truth of this. Mr Dillon Bell confessed he would have to buy the land to be sold on his run, even if it cost him a large sum per acre. So it would doubtless be with the area in question. We do not make these remarks in any spirit of antagonism to the rulingholding interest. It is an important one, and its value in the colonisation of New Zealand has been far greater than is generally admitted or supposed; yet when the lands which the squatters now hold under sufferance are wanted for farming purposes, the interests of those by whom these lands are required must not be overlooked. We are not among the number of those who object to the squatter receiving compensation, if need be to a liberal extent; for we think it only fair that when a large outlay of capital has taken place in the purchasing and stocking of runs, liberal allowance should be made when it is found necessary to take from those runs land of a superior quality. Then we come to the question whether it should be alienated under the Hundreds system. The evil is great also this way, and the speculator does a great deal of mischief. Lastly, to secure bona fide settlement, we must fall back upon the wisdom of the Colonial Parliament, which in the year 1866, when unmoved by any other considerations than those of justice and equity, gave the people on the Gold-fields a most valuable piece of machinery to accomplish it by. The Gold-fields Act gives us very nearly the land systems of Victoria and New South Wales—systems that have done wonders for those colonies. The provisions of the Act have worked excellently both at Tuapeka and the Lakes, while the other ones have failed to accomplish the great end in view. Free selection, deferred payments, cultivation and residence as a preliminary step to purchase without competition, are secured by this measure; and if the people are wise they will not claim, but demand that they shall have access to the soil granted to them by it and through it only. So strong is the feeling in other districts on

the subject, and so admirably has the measure worked, that its general adoption will be strongly advocated by those favourable to the interests of the Gold-fields. It may ring a death-knell to the hopes of a monopolist; but what is that, when it to every man a farm and a home of his own choice. We cannot exhaust the subject to-day.

We have much pleasure in announcing to our readers, that, owing to the large number of advertisements which have crowded in upon us, the CROMWELL ARGUS will be enlarged to eight pages on and after Wednesday next, the 15th inst.

The nomination for Bridge Ward will take place at the Town-hall to-morrow, at noon. The attention of holders of quartz-claims at Bendigo Gully is directed to an advertisement which appears in another column, requesting that one representative from each claim will meet the Warden, at Ferris's Store, Reefs, on Thursday (to-morrow), at two o'clock.

Regarding the efforts that are being made to form a Cricket Club in Cromwell, we are requested to state that a meeting of those interested will be held in the Town-hall to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at eight o'clock. We hope to witness a large attendance.

We have been informed that a splendid specimen of quartz, thickly impregnated with gold, was picked up near the Luggate a few days since by one of the shepherds on Loughnan's station. He declines to state the exact locality where he found the stone, but believes that a rich quartz reef exists on the spot.

The Dunstan Races are announced to come off on the 24th and 25th of February. As in former years, a large amount of money has been subscribed towards the funds of the Club, and an excellent programme is the result of the exertions made by its members.

The Cromwell School Committee held a meeting at the School-house on Thursday evening, the 2nd inst. Messrs Preshaw, Booth (hon. secretary), Kelly, Fraser, and Wright were present. In the absence of the President, Mr Preshaw occupied the chair. The minutes of last meeting (held in August) were read and approved. A batch of inward and outward correspondence, relating chiefly to the obtaining of grant from the Provincial Government for permanent improvements to school buildings, was read by the Secretary. In one of Mr Hislop's letters that gentleman informed the Committee that he was unable to get any further grant from the Education Board at present. The following accounts were passed for payment, viz.: Messrs Hallenstein and Co., £7 6s 3d; Mr I. Wright, 17s 6d; J. Nicholas, £2 2s. On the motion of Mr Frazer, seconded by Mr Wright, it was resolved that the examination of the scholars and the distribution of prizes should take place on Thursday, the 23rd inst.; and that the school be closed for the midsummer holidays, and re-opened a month from that date. Messrs Frazer, Preshaw, and Booth were deputed to assist the teacher in the examination. The desirability of procuring a female teacher, and also of having the school-house enlarged, was mooted; but it was left to the new Committee (which is to be elected early in January) to decide as to what action shall be taken. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Hislop for the under-mentioned school requisites, viz.:—A map of Polynesia, a modulator (mounted), and 300 card modulators. Mr Wright was appointed auditor of accounts, vice Mr Booth, resigned. A sub-committee was appointed to carry out several necessary improvements and repairs connected with the school-house and play-ground. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

The sluicing claims on the banks of the Kawarau are generally paying well, and in the neighbourhood of Gibbstown some splendid ground has been for some time worked. At the Gentle Annie, Cameron and party have just completed a tail-race up the gorge, in the construction of which they have been engaged for nine months. They will now be enabled to set in to the ground on the flat which their tail-race commands.

From the Wakatipu district we learn that shearers are very scarce, many of the squatters being unable to obtain the hands they require. We believe the price per 100 will range from 15s to 17s 6d.

A sawmill has recently been started at the western end of Lake Hawea by Mr Ross, a resident of the district. It is expected that a large proportion of the timber required for the reefs will in future be supplied from this source. A large boat, to be employed in the timber trade, was recently conveyed overland from the Wanaka to the Hawea Lake.

Shearing commenced at the Wanaka Station on Wednesday last, but owing to the scarcity of hands the work was not being got on with very expeditiously. On the 2nd inst., while on a tour through the district, we paid a visit to the "dip" on this station. The sheep were then being washed at the rate of about 600 a day; and Mr Allen, the manager, who coyteously showed us the process, informed us that as many as 1500 per day could be put through. The dip in use on this station—one of Geddes' patent—is a splendid specimen of its class, and gives great satisfaction. After being placed in hot water baths, raised to a temperature of about 115 degrees, the sheep are suddenly subjected to the action of a species of powerful shower-bath, which descends on them with great force, and thoroughly cleanses the wool. They are then allowed to dry for a couple of days when they are ready for shearing.

## WIT AND HUMOUR.

If you wish for "Heart's Ease," never  
"Marry Gold."

"SIRRAH," says a justice to one before him, "you are an arrant knave." "Just as your worship says."

The residents of Cromwell, on the opposite side of the Kawarau river from Cromwell, possess an excellent contrivance for conveying themselves, as well as their supplies, across the "raging torrent" that separates their pleasant little hamlet from the town of Cromwell. A stout wire rope is stretched across the river, at a height of about thirty feet from the water, and is firmly secured to rocks on the bank at either side. The rope spans a distance of about 300 feet, and the necessary degree of tension is secured by means of a Spanish windlass, which is worked from the south side of the river. Attached to the rope is a "chair," or oblong box, open at the top, and secured to two iron pulleys, which are kept well supplied with grease, in order to prevent undue friction. The intending passenger takes his seat in the "chair," and the "dip" of the wire rope, aided by the weight of the chair and its occupant, carries the aerial velocipede half across the river, when it becomes necessary for the person sitting in the chair to propel the machine the remainder of the distance by the aid of a rope securely fastened to the bank towards which he is proceeding. The sensation experienced by any one crossing the river for the first time by this novel method is far from disagreeable, and were it not for the oscillating motion created by hauling in the rope, would be exceedingly pleasant. Another of these useful contrivances is situated on the Molyneux river, about two miles above Cromwell.

We learn that the Cardrona people recently placed themselves in communication with the Education Board with a view to the establishment of a school in their district. A reply was received from Mr. Hislop stating that £120 would be granted them to assist in the erection of a school; but as a suitable building, at present unoccupied, can be procured, this expense may be avoided in the meantime. As there are a considerable number of children in the Cardrona who have hitherto been unprovided for in the matter of education, we trust that no time will be lost in the establishment of a school.

The extreme dryness of the season is beginning to assume a serious aspect in this neighbourhood. The sluicers on the banks of the Kawarau are already complaining of the scarcity of water, and unless a heavy rainfall occurs very soon, some of the dams will be completely dry, and the claim-holders consequently compelled to suspend operations for a time. The growing crops in the district will also suffer to some extent for want of moisture, although fortunately, in most cases, the patches of land under cultivation are situated in proximity to water-races, the owners of which are always willing to grant the use of the water for the purpose of irrigation when they do not require it themselves.

## CROMWELL TOWN COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Council was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening last. The Mayor (Mr. W. H. Whetter) presided; and the other members present were Councillors Dagg and Badger.

A letter was read from Mr. Beecher, jeweller, asking permission to have the use of the Town Hall on the evening of 31st inst.—Granted.

Messrs Robert Brown and Thomas Heron applied for permission to occupy a business site on the south side of Molyneux-street, west of the Clutha Hotel stables.—Permission granted.

The only application received for the office of Valuator to the corporation was one from Mr. H. Manders; and on the motion of Cr. Badger, seconded by Cr. Dagg, it was resolved that Mr. Manders be appointed to the office.

The Mayor called attention to the fact that from some unexplained cause the Bye-laws of the Corporation had never been submitted to the Provincial Council for approval, and suggested that as the Council was about to hold a session, action should at once be taken to have the matter rectified.

Cr. Badger quite agreed with the Mayor as to the necessity for getting the Bye-laws ratified by the Provincial Council without delay; and would therefore move that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Provincial Solicitor stating the facts, and urging his prompt attention to the matter.—Seconded by Cr. Dagg and agreed to.

Cr. Dagg was appointed to act as presiding officer at the nomination for Bridge Ward on Thursday (to-morrow); and Cr. Badger was deputed to supervise the polling, which, if found necessary, will take place on Monday next.

There was some other business got through, but it was of an unimportant character.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Mayor, and the Council then adjourned.

Another special meeting of the Council was held at the usual place yesterday forenoon, the same members being again present.

It was resolved, after some discussion, to instruct the Town Clerk to communicate with the Provincial Solicitor, requesting him to introduce a bill in the Provincial Council to legalize the past proceedings of the Corporation; and it was further agreed to solicit the co-operation of Mr. Fraser, M.P.C. for Gold-fields Towns, in getting the bill passed into law. [This course, it was stated, was rendered necessary in consequence of the Bye-laws of the Corporation not having up to the present time been ratified by the Provincial Council.]

Cr. Badger introduced the subject of "Land for settlement and for grazing purposes under the agricultural leasing system." He said it was a well-known fact that at the present time not a single acre in the Cromwell district could be had for settlement except under sufferance from the runholders; and he thought that the Council should certainly take steps to bestir the Government in the matter. He therefore proposed—"That a respectful memorial be prepared, signed by the Mayor and Councillors, and transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent, praying that a block of land in the district of Cromwell may be thrown open for agricultural and grazing purposes under the leasing system; and urging that the memorial be presented to the Provincial Council at the session now about to be held."

The motion was seconded by Cr. Dagg, and was agreed to.

Cr. Badger also moved—"That a copy of the letter received from the Provincial Treasurer (of 24th ult.), relating to Government subsidy, be forwarded to Mr. Fraser, M.P.C., together with a letter requesting him to use his influence obtaining for the Corporation of Cromwell a pound-for-pound subsidy in proportion to the whole amount of rates collected during the last municipal year."

Seconded by Cr. Dagg, and agreed to. The Council then adjourned.

## LAKE WANAKA TO QUEENSTOWN.

In our issue of the 24th ult., we published a short article from a correspondent, headed "Cromwell to Lake Wanaka." Having recently made a trip from the Wanaka Lake to Queenstown, a few jottings of the journey may interest some of our readers. Arriving at the Wanaka at sunset, after passing through some excellent grazing country for a few miles before reaching the Lake, we put up for the night at Messrs Hedditch and Russell's Wanaka Hotel, prettily situated on the shores of the lake, and commanding a fine view of the scenery in the neighbourhood. Immediately fronting it is a range of high mountains stretching down to the shores of the lake; and far away in the background, in a north-westerly direction, the rugged peak of Mount Aspiring, crowned with eternal snow, towers almost to the skies. Viewed from the rise on which the hotel is situated, with the lake below glittering and sparkling in the setting sun, the scene is extremely beautiful, and presents a marked contrast to the barren, sandy country of the Dunstan district. On an island in the lake, distant about two miles from Messrs Hedditch and Russell's, wild rabbits abound; and as a fine large yacht is provided by this enterprising firm for the convenience of visitors, pleasure-seekers can enjoy a few days' tranquil repose, or engage in exhilarating sports, as their tastes may direct. Leaving the hotel, a few miles further on the road enters the valley of the Cardrona, the stream winding its way through a sandy gorge of a hundred yards or so in width, and having to be crossed and recrossed a great many times. Numerous landslips have taken place on the mountain-side, and the ground thus left exposed presents at first sight the appearance of having been eluded by the gold-seeker. After a ride of about ten miles through this valley, the township of Cardrona, once so famous for its fertility in the precious metal, is reached. The majority of the claims on the Cardrona, at one time celebrated for the rich deposits of heavy, siliceous gold which they contained, are now almost worked out; although in the opinion of many of the residents in the township the lead of gold will be found to exist much further down the creek than is generally supposed. The workings are usually at depths varying from 50 ft to 80 ft, a considerable quantity of water having to be contended with. The celebrated "Gin and Raspberry" claim, in which about 40 ft of water had accumulated owing to an accident which befel the pumping gear, was being pumped out at the time of our visit, and work will by this time have been resumed. The Bendigo Gully discoveries have had the effect of drawing a number of Cardrona residents away, and business at the present time is comparatively dull. A considerable addition to the Chinese population has, however, recently taken place, and "John" appears on the whole to be very well satisfied with his earnings and prospects. On leaving Cardrona, the stream from which the township derives its name is followed for a distance of ten miles. This portion of the road is very rough, and can only be traversed by horsemen and foot-passengers. The bed of the stream has been superficially turned over by the miner, and at present the workings appear to be divided between Europeans and Chinese. From what we could learn, the returns from most of the claims are satisfactory. Having at last arrived at the foot of the Crown Range (of the difficulty attached to the ascension of which we had been previously informed) we commenced the toilsome ascent; and certainly we must say it was necessary to put in practice to its fullest extent the old Scotch adage, "Put a stout heart to a steep bridle," as, out of consideration for the willing animal which had carried us so many miles, we preferred "tackling" the hill on foot. After an hour's climbing, however, we reached the top, and were amply rewarded for our exertions by the magnificent panoramic view which here arrests the traveller's gaze. Far below lay immense green fields of waving corn, with Lake Hayes gleaming in their midst, and a corner of Lake Wakatipu peeping out through the mountains by which it is surrounded. The country from this point presented a marked contrast to that previously traversed. Reaching the plain after a wearisome descent of the steep mountain side, we found large areas of land under cultivation, the great fertility of the soil being amply shown by the splendid appearance of the crops. After a short rest we reached the Arrow, distant from the foot of the mountain about four miles. It is a nice little township, and has many pretty gardens and cultivated patches of ground, which add greatly to its appearance. In the garden of Mr. W. Scoles, over which we were kindly shown by the proprietor, beautiful ripe strawberries were to be seen in great profusion, and fruit of all descriptions seemed to be thriving amazingly. Between the Arrow and Queenstown, a distance of about fourteen miles, a fine level country intervenes. Lake Hayes, a small sheet of water about three miles long, is skirted by the main road, and has many pretty farms in its vicinity. Passing the lake, and ascending a small terrace, which is traversed for about a mile, we arrive at the Shotover crossing. At times this is a very dangerous fording-place, owing to the shifting nature of the channel, upon which not the slightest dependence can be placed. A substantial bridge is, however, being erected, and will be a great boon to travellers when completed. Leaving the Shotover, and passing more farms, all in a high state of cultivation, Frankton, situated at the end of the Wakatipu Lake, is reached. This is an exceedingly pretty spot for a township, although as yet the buildings are not numerous. The Wakatipu Hospital is erected here, and a more healthy spot could not possibly be found. A short distance from the Hospital, and separated from it by the Kawarau River, which leaves the lake at this point, the home station of Messrs Boyes Bros. is situated. Frankton was also selected as the site for the Brunswick Flour Mills, and from here the whole of the flour consumed in the Wakatipu district is dispatched. This flour is also finding its way largely into the Dan-

stan markets. The road from Frankton to Queenstown then winds round the lake until the latter township is reached. For situation and healthiness of climate Queenstown certainly carries off the palm when compared with any of the other goldfields' towns. The climate is described by old residents as being perfect, and judging from the smiling aspect of the country, we should say the statement is correct. The townships of very considerable extent, and although the "pale days" of the place have gone by never to return—times when an hotel-keeper would growl if he did not, at the very lowest estimate, take £60 or £70 a day—yet the business people in general seem to be doing a very fair trade. The gardens are all looking capital, and strawberries and cherries in particular present a temptingly rosy appearance. A public park is laid out on a neck of land which stretches into the lake, and is studded with forest trees and shrubs. In a few years' time it will be a pretty spot, if cared for in the interim, and will no doubt become a favourite place of public resort. The Lake View Gardens, owned by Messrs McConnachie and Rowell, are also well worth a visit. Vegetation is here exceedingly luxuriant, and flowers of roseate hues abound in profusion. In reference to the agricultural capabilities of the Queenstown district it may with truth be said, "Tickle the ground with a hoe, and nature will smile at you with a harvest."

It was almost with a pang of regret that we left this picturesque, fertile, and pleasant country; but where friends are situated, there also the face of nature wears a smiling aspect, though the streets are dusty and the land is of a barren appearance, and it was with considerable satisfaction that we arrived in Cromwell after our pleasant tour through the country of the great inland waters.

## THE ESCORT.

The following are the quantities of gold taken down to Dunedin by the last fortnightly Escort, Cromwell, as we stated last week, contributing 756ozs.:

	ozs.	dwt.
Mount Ida	1024	19
Switzers	773	13
Tuapeka	763	18
Cromwell	756	0
Tuvelot	424	4
Dunstan	506	6
Waipori	385	4
Alexandra	315	0
Blacks	302	0
Clyde	252	0
Waitehuna	177	5
Total	5577	0

## ALEXANDRA.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

December 4, 1869.

Since the satisfactory result of an ounce and a-half to the ton has been obtained by Halliday and party from their claim on the Alexandra line of reef, no less than eight additional claims have been taken up, the whole of which have struck the usual indications, and have commenced to sink their shafts, giving the reef quite a lively appearance. The favourite mode of carrying on operations is by letting the sinking of the shafts by contract. No less than three tenders were accepted one evening this week for shafts, at depths varying from 50 ft to 60 ft, the price obtained in two instances being 23s per foot, and the other 18s per foot, contractors finding their own tools, &c., with the exception of winding gear. Two or three more parties intend following the same course during the coming week, as on this reef no sheep-herding is being resorted to, every company being anxious to test the reef at a considerable depth. Halliday and party have a day and night shift, and are making considerable progress. The three contracts accepted were for the following companies:—Paget & Co., 50 ft; Jones & Co., 50 ft; Stanbrook & Co., 60 ft.

On Iversen's reef, at Conroy's, they have sunk to a depth of 60 ft., carrying gold with them the whole of the distance, but as yet they have not met with any body of stone. They are, however, very sanguine of the reef making at a greater depth. This party have also a night and day shift at work.

At Tucker Hill, Chapplie and Co. are down 18 ft., and have a very nice leader, in which gold has been seen.

The Owens Company, the Manuherikia Company, and the various other holders of sluicing claims on the west bank of the Molyneux, are carrying on their works with very satisfactory results.

Kitt and party are making great improvements in their late purchase, and are building a reservoir on an extensive scale at the head of their claim, for the purpose of storing surplus water. On the completion of this, the company will commence stripping their claim, with a full complement of hands.

Our Race Committee have now advertised their meeting, and have come out with a good programme—no less than £200 for the two days' sport. The races take place on the 27th and 28th inst., dates which will suit the owners of horses, as it will enable them to put in an appearance for your valuable prizes on the 30th and 31st. The stewards are greatly improving the course, and we anticipate a most successful meeting. It seems a pity that our meet should clash with the St. Bathans races, but as our course is so very superior to theirs, there is no doubt that owners of horses will study their own interests by giving the preference to Alexandra. Mr. Joseph Mason, of the Royal Mail Hotel, and Mr. Robertson, of the Geelong Hotel, were the successful purchasers of the two booths, the former fetching £18 10s and the latter £17 10s.

## JOTTINGS FROM CLYDE.

Though, from what I can hear, an opinion prevails in Cromwell that Clyde is fast disappearing from the face of our sunny earth, "your mad correspondent" still survives, and trusts his mortal and immortal parts will hang together long enough to chronicle in your prosperous columns the disappearance of the last vestige of what was once the prosperous municipality of Clyde; and then, should his strength be sufficient, he will crawl to the life-restoring, invigorating air of Cromwell, where "your M.C." trusts that the well-known bump of benevolence which is so fully developed in your fellow-citizens as to prevent their ever finding a hat to fit, will devise some means by which he will be able to obtain that very necessary compound, "tucker."

The great event of the week has been the Cricket Match—Squatters v. Citizens, which I see you noticed in your last issue; but as I have every reason to believe that news from this district will soon be unobtainable, I will give you one or two particulars which may be interesting. The squatters arrived in force early in the morning, and the game was supposed to commence at 11 a.m. But a difficulty arose in getting the Clydesites together. Two citizens rushed frantically about the deserted streets, endeavoring to raise the requisite number of champions; and it was not until 12 noon that, with the addition of two arrivals from Cromwell and the same number from Alexandra, the Eleven was complete. The first innings of the Citizens was not calculated to improve their courage; but it was absolutely marvellous what lunch did for them, for, with the aid of two pairs of spectacles, they actually more than doubled their former score, obliging the squatters to have a second innings, which all had imagined would be quite unnecessary. It was not till five wickets had fallen that the squatters obtained the requisite number (13), only four being runs, the remainder byes and wides. The scores stood thus: Dunstanites—first innings, 22; second, 46; total, 68. Squatters—first innings, 56; second, 13; and five wickets to fall. Had it not been for the most excellent bowling of M'Nab, we should no doubt have had a more severe drubbing, but what may be done by practice the return match will show. As there is nothing on earth to do here, for the male portion of the community, except to practise cricket, I really think they should have stated, say 6 a.m. till 8 p.m., between which the wickets, &c., ought to remain on the ground for the benefit of all comers, and blankets might be provided for those who wish to remain all night. It is a matter of sincere regret that Preshaw, who promised to make a good score, should have been run out; but being in pretty good condition, and the day being warm, he failed to place his bat within the "popping" crease, whilst the bales were on the stumps. The umpires (Messrs Lindsay and Richardson) were heard to offer up heartfelt thanksgivings that they should have been permitted to leave the field unmarked, though really they performed their unpleasant duties very efficiently.

From the Serpentine Reefs, we have news that Munford and party expect to get to the stone this week. They have been actively engaged in baling out an old shaft, made some five years ago, and are sanguine that they will be well rewarded for their trouble.—The reef at Conroy's Gully is still steadily progressing, and the prospects continue good.

The Dunstan District Hospital progresses under the management of the new resident surgeon, Dr. Barrowes, who has now settled down to his duties; and it is to be hoped every opportunity will be afforded him of establishing himself in the good opinion of the Dunstanites, in spite of the insinuations cast out by a few interested parties, to which all sensible people should give no credence whatever.

The programme of the Dunstan Jockey Club, just issued, though not giving so much in prizes by £50 as last year, is still a very encouraging evidence of the prosperity of the district in general, and will, no doubt, attract a large number of horses from various parts of the Province.

From the returns of Monday, I perceive that one man, three children, twenty-five dogs, and a water-race were seen moving through the principal street of Clyde, affording additional evidence of the prosperity of this charming city.

In conclusion, I would beg to notice briefly the letter from "A Clyde Pub." in your contemporary of Thursday last. He will perhaps be pleased to learn the opinions held by his fellow-citizens concerning him. The prevailing wish is that his anxiety in roofing matters may induce him to take "the initiative steps on the new bridge-track to the reefs," in which case there would be a pretty fair chance of some traveller discovering his bleached and disjointed skeleton somewhere in the neighbourhood of the Leaning Rock. Should he escape that peril, the next hope is that at the first "bi-annual sitting of the Supreme Court in our hall," the judge may make provision for keeping him in safety for the remainder of his natural life, in some secluded spot where, should he try and write funny things, "their sweet news will be lost on the desert air."

## NOTES FROM THE NEVIS.

(By a Correspondent.)

Nevis, Dec. 1, 1869.

There is scarcely anything in the shape of news from this district. The only change is among the Chinese, many of whom appear to be dissatisfied with their earnings, and a few have started for some rush on the Highborn. It is often supposed that the Chinese work for less returns than other miners, but here they are getting the "lion's share" of the gold where they are working. Those who are on wages get £2 5s. per week, and some refuse to work for less than £2 10s., although they can live up here for 12s. a week.

"John" likes poultry, and when he can shoot a duck he is not over-inquisitive about the Game Laws. I have seen lately several young ducks carried past by John; and when you explain the law to him, he can make you understand—"Englishman too frightened; no no save; me like young fowl," and chuckles to himself as he trots away. Since the Chinese have located themselves here, the birds have either been destroyed or driven from their old hatching grounds, as they have all disappeared.

There is quite a large Chinese settlement grown up here lately: three stores, a blacksmith, a shoemaker, two butchers, besides the usual smoking and gambling places. They appear to be doing a good trade, their prices being somewhat lower than at the other stores.

The season is very dry, and if it should continue so, many of the sluicers on the terraces will be short of water. The snow is disappearing from the mountains very fast, and it is on the snow-water that many depend for the summer's supply.

I hear complaints about the Warden never visiting the Nevis. Why not appoint a deputy? Some one or other of the storekeepers here might as well be allowed to dispense miners' rights, and thus obviate the necessity of miners having to travel to Clyde for them; and if the Postmaster, or any other respectable resident, would undertake the situation of arbitrator (under the sanction of the Government), to settle local mining disputes, it would be more satisfactory in the majority of cases. If men were wise, they would dispense with lawyers altogether. Why should every petty dispute be carried to Clyde to increase expense and involve additional loss of time?

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

## AN ARITHMETICAL PROBLEM.

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR—Can any of your readers who are well versed in the science of mnemonics favour me with a solution of the following question?—A certain company agreed with another company to have two pipes fixed in a reservoir, the bore of each to be four inches in diameter; but this agreement was afterwards cancelled, and they were to have one pipe only, of eight inches diameter.—Query, Who were gainers by the bargain? or which discharged most water—the two pipes of four, or the one of eight inches bore?

A reply through the medium of the *Cromwell Argus* will oblige, yours, &c.,

INQUIRER.

Cromwell, December 4, 1869.

## The American Sleeping Wonder.

Miss Susan Caroline Godsey, the sleeping wonder, died at her mother's home, some eight miles from Hickman, Kentucky, on Wednesday, the 14th of July. At the time of her death Miss Godsey was about 26 years of age, and had been asleep about 14 years. The existence of this wonderful state of coma, or preternatural disposition to sleep, has been doubted by many, but the fact is indisputable. The history of the case is, briefly—When about twelve years old she was taken with a severe chill, and treated accordingly by her physician. As the fever which followed her chill subsided, she fell into a deep sleep, in which condition she has remained ever since, except at intervals. It was her custom at first to wake regularly every 24 hours, and, singularly, within a few minutes of the same hours each day; but of later years she awoke oftener, so much so that many considered it an indication of her final recovery. She would remain awake for 5, 10, or 15 minutes, and then gradually drop off to sleep again. When asleep it was impossible to arouse her. She never complained of bodily pain, though when asleep she was very nervous at times, and appeared to suffer considerably by the violent twitching and jerking of her muscles and limbs, and her hands clenched tightly as if enduring severe pain; but when awake she did not appear to suffer, except from a drowsy inclination, and a persistent effort to cleanse her throat of phlegm. She generally passed into sleep through violent paroxysms, which would last perhaps five minutes, and she would sleep awhile as calmly as an infant. Miss Godsey was of medium size, and her limbs and muscles were well proportioned and developed, and grew considerably after her affliction.



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## Wit and Humour.

If you wish for "Heart's Ease," never look to "Marry Gold."

"SIRRAH," says a justice to one brought before him, "you are an arrant knave." Says the prisoner, "Just as your worship spoke, the clock struck two."

JONES complained of a bad smell about the post-office, and asked Brown what it could be. Brown didn't know, but suggested that it might be caused by the "dead letters."

In Chicago husbands are said to be so fearful of certain lectures that they add to their announcements of future movements the letters "W.P.," which mean "wife permitting."

An Irishman was called up in a case of assault and battery, and when asked by the magistrate what he said to the complainant, remarked, "I said to him will the toe of me boot, 'Go home.'"

"Before I begin to drink, my business is over for the day," said a tradesman to his friend. "Quite the reverse is the case with me," replied the other; "for business is over for the day when I begin to drink."

One of the strongest reasons we ever heard why a married man should get his life insured is, that the money would prove a great help to his wife's second husband, and might be the means of starting him in business.

A LADY asked a minister whether a person might not be fond of dress and ornaments without being proud. "Madam," said the minister, "when you see a fox's tail peeping out of the hole, you may be sure the fox is within."

A BOY, three years of age, was particularly backward in his tongue, and his parents feared that he would never talk. "Send him to a girl's school," said a friend. The hint was adopted, and succeeded beyond expectation.

A YOUNG Albany girl, after receiving the attentions of a young man for several months, abruptly asked him when he intended to marry. The young man said he was not on the marry. She then broke a teapot filled with scalding water over his head.

A YOUNG lady once hinted to a gentleman that her thimble was nearly worn out, and asked what reward she would receive for her industry. He made answer the next day by sending her a new one, with the following lines:—

"I send a thimble for fingers nimble,  
Which I hope will fit when you try it:  
It will last you long, if it's half as strong  
As the hint which you gave me to buy it."

A RICH old man died recently, whose young wife had led him a sorry life. He frequently said he would be revenged. On reading the will his vengeance was too well felt. He left all his property, about 100,000 dollars, to his wife on condition that she passes every day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in his tomb. Should she miss one hour, the whole fortune reverts to the natural heirs. She thinks this is asking tomb-much.

In a great storm at sea, when the crew were all at prayers, a boy burst into a violent fit of laughter. Being reproved for his ill-timed mirth, and asked the reason of it, he said—"Why, I was laughing to think what a hissing the boat-awain's red nose will make if it comes into the water." This ludicrous remark set the crew a-laughing, inspired them with new spirit, and by great exertion they brought the vessel into port.

A TRAVELLER in Arkansas found the following notice on the ferryman's door at Cactus River:—"Notice:—If any body comes hear arter lick, or to git akross the river, they can gea blo this hear horn, and ef I don't cum why my Betsy up at the Hous hears the horn blowin, shee cum down and sell them the lick or set them akross the river, ime away from hoam John Wilson. N.B.—them that can't rede will go to the House arter Betsy taint but haff a mile there."

THE OATMEYER.—A Philadelphia drayman has invented a machine for feeding a quadruped in a hurry. To eat a peck of oats occupies his mule about three-quarters of an hour. The machine in question turns with a crank. The mule sits upon his haunches and straightens out his neck. A peck of oats are then slung into him at a single revolution of the cylinder, inside a minute and a-quarter. The inventor terms the apparatus an "oatmeter." This genius is now at work on one to be used in hotels, steam-boats, railroad meal-stands, and second-rate boarding-houses.

A DROLL fellow, who had a wooden leg, being in company with one who was somewhat soft, the latter asked the former how he came to have a wooden leg. The fellow answered, "Why, my father had one, and my grandfather had one, and my great-grandfather had one, and his father before him—and the plain truth is, it runs in the blood!"

## MY VELOCIPED.

I envy not his gallant steed  
That man who doth bestride;  
For I have a velocipede  
Which I prefer to ride.  
On, on we go, machine and load,  
And never stop to bait;  
Toll-free, along the turnpike-road  
We clear each turnpike gate.

To keep a hobby-horse like mine,  
You need not keep a man;  
You pay no tax, so, I opine,  
It is the better plan.  
No paddock he requires, on grass  
At seasons to be fed;  
Ne'er coming, in stable, to the pash  
Of eating off his head.

He never jibs, he never shies,  
He never runs away;  
He never, stumbling as he flies,  
Goes down, as though to pray.  
For why?—Because he is with knees  
Provided, as with heels,  
Therefore no fits of kicking seize  
Him whatsoever he feels.

To mend his pace, no whip, no spur;  
To curb, no bit, no rein;  
No "tally-ho!" wants he to make him stir,  
Nor "wo!" him to restrain.  
Uphill we pull, downhill we drag,  
On level ground we speed.  
Ha! ho! ho! my new-built nag!  
My new velocipede!

## A Young Nelson.

"Curambo! Que insolencia!" The words were uttered by a lovely woman, whose flushed cheek, flashing eye, and knitted brow spoke, even more than the words, the indignation which filled her breast. She was the young wife of Commodore Coe, the commander of the small navy of the state of Monte Video.

The lady was Spanish by birth, as well as in feelings; and the cause of her anger was the sight of a ship which had been for two days standing off and on before the harbour, using every signal of insult and defiance to induce the ship of Commodore Coe come out and fight him. This the latter could not do for two reasons—the first was illness, which confined him to his cot; the second, that he had not one third of a crew, not even men sufficient to man his guns.

At the moment when she uttered the words which commence this tale, Brown, the Admiral of the Buenos Ayres ship, had hoisted a flag at his gaff, whereon was embroidered, in legible letters—"COE, THE COWARD." This was more than his noble wife could stand—for she well knew her husband's truth and valour.

After gazing an instant at the flag, she raised her jewelled hand, and taking from her finger a diamond ring of great value, she cried to the officers and men who stood around her on the deck—

"I will give this diamond to any man who will bring me yonder flag!"

For a moment there was no response: the men looked at their officers—the officers glanced at each other,—but volunteers for so desperate a service seemed scarce.

"What! is there not one of all your number dares the trial? Is my husband's ship, then, indeed manned by cowards?" exclaimed the lady, while her beautiful lip curled with scorn, and her flashing eye sparkled with the fire of contempt.

A young officer—an Englishman—who had been recently appointed, stepped forward and said—

"I was only waiting for my seniors to speak, señora. Had any of them volunteered, I should have begged to accompany him: as it is, I pledge myself to bring you yonder flag before the sun rises, or die in the attempt! But I ask not your jewel as a prize for my success: one tress of your glossy hair shall be my reward."

"You shall have both, brave boy," replied the lady; and her cold look of scorn changed into a sweet smile, as she asked his name.

"It is Cochrane Bennett, señora," replied the youth; and he blushed under her earnest gaze.

He was slim, but well formed; looked very young, but in his dark blue eye and compressed lip, an observer could read one whose manhood was not made by years alone.

The sun was setting behind a bank of slowly-rising clouds, which threatened darkness and a storm.

The moment that his services were accepted, young Bennett turned to the crew, and, as he glanced over them, said—

"I want six men to man the whale-boat that hangs at the after davits."

Struck by his gallantry, nearly one-half of the crew stepped aft: now that they had a leader, volunteers were plentiful. Bennett glanced his eye over them, and in a few moments selected six whom he knew to be both daring and firm: they were British sailors.

"Go, sharpen your cutlasses," said he; "I shall not have a musket or pistol in the boat. If we fight, it must be steel to steel and breast to breast—for we must succeed or die!"

The men answered only by a look, for they were of that class whose motto is—

"Deeds, not Words!"

They hurried below to obey his orders, while others proceeded, by his direction, to muffle the oars of the boat, and to put a sail and water into it.

One half-hour later, the sky was covered with clouds, and darkness had set in. Bennett had been careful to take the compass course of the enemy's ship when the last light of the dying day gave the opportunity, and by this alone he hoped to find her.

At this time, the lady was on deck, standing by the binnacle-light, regarding the preparations of the little party, who were about to push off. At the moment the boat's crew cried out all was ready for a start, the young leader came aft to the side of the señora, and taking from his neck a

miniature, he handed it and a letter to her, saying—

"If I am not on board at sunrise, lady, please to send the miniature and letter to its address."

The lady looked at the portrait—it was the likeness of a young and beautiful girl. A tear filled the señora's eyes.

"You need not go!" said she. "No, you love—perchance are loved. Your life is precious—I will not expose it."

"This is my only sister, whom I almost adore," interrupted the youth; "but one who would scorn me if I played the coward, or dishonoured my name! Send the letter and likeness to her if I fall. Farewell till to-morrow, or for ever!"

The lady was about to answer, and again entreat him to stay; but ere she could speak he was over the bulwarks, and the boat had shoved off.

"Give way cheerily, men! 'A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether!'" said our young hero, in a low tone, as he left the ship's side; and he soon felt, by the trembling of the frail boat, that his orders were obeyed.

The night was very dark. A calm was on the deep and in the air; but it was portentous of a storm. A small binnacle-light and compass had been placed in the boat, and by these Bennett shaped his course—himself taking the tiller, and steering right out into the offing, regardless of the coming storm and rising clouds, keeping his eye steadily fixed on the compass; knowing that if the vessel had remained hove-to at sunset, he must be very near her. But he looked in vain to see her dark hull loom up in the gloom; he looked in vain to see a light which might guide him to her. Admiral Brown was too old a fox to betray his position by lights.

At this moment, when he was completely at a loss which way to steer, the dark clouds which had been gathering overhead, burst with a long, vivid flash of lightning, and a peal of deafening thunder; but he heard not the thunder, he heeded not the rising storm. That flash of lightning had shown him the vessel, not one cable's length from him.

"Steady, boys—steady," he whispered, when the thunder ceased. "I shall pull under her stern, and get on deck by the carved work and netting on her quarter."

The men pulled slowly and silently on, and as he had well marked her position, the young officer found himself under the vessel's stern. At this instant another flash of lightning illumined the sky and water; and then, as he glanced up at the gaff where the flag had been hoisted, he saw that it was not there—it had been hauled down.

He paused, thought for a moment what could be done, and then formed his resolution.

"I shall go on board alone, men!" said he. "Keep the boat where she is. If the flag is where I think it is—in the admiral's cabin—I will have it! If I am not back in five minutes, and you hear an alarm, shove off and go back to your ship, and tell them that Cochrane Bennett died like a man. You must be cautious! Reef the foresail, for the storm will be down upon us in ten minutes."

All this was whispered to the men, who leaned forward to hear the orders which they dared not disobey, much as they wished to share their leader's peril.

Springing lightly from the boat, Bennett caught the quarter-nettings with his hands, and noiselessly ascended to the bulwarks. He could hear the regular tramp of the officer of the deck, who having already had everything reefed down for the blow, had nothing to do but to pace the deck; it was so dark, however, that our hero could not see him.

A second more, and the brave boy was down on the deck and at the cabin-door, which stood slightly open. He peeped through the narrow crack, and saw the red-faced old admiral seated at his round table, with two of his officers by his side, engaged over the contents of a square bottle, which looked very like those usually found to contain schnapps.

A glance at a settee just to the left of the table showed the object of his enterprise. The flag for which he had perilled life lay there, where it had been carelessly thrown after it was hauled down.

The young hero did not pause long to consider what to do, but walked quietly into the cabin, and, taking off his cap very politely to the admiral and officers, said in a calm and courteous manner to the former:—"I am come to borrow this flag, to wear to-morrow, if you please, sir!"

"Who the devil?" cried the admiral, "What do you mean?" cried Ad

his officers sprang to their feet.

"I am Midshipman Bennett, sir, of the Monto Videan service," replied Cochrane, who had now seized the flag; "and mean to carry this flag to Commodore Coe!"

As he said this, he bounded to the cabin door, closely followed by a bullet from the admiral's pistol, which grazed his ear; and ere the alarm became general, he stood upon the taffrail of the vessel.

"Look out for me below," he shouted, and flung himself into the sea without a moment's hesitation. His boat's crew recognised his voice: he was caught up in a moment, and dragged into the boat, while a volley of pistol-shots was poured at random by those above.

The storm had now broken out, and the wind began to blow in fierce and fitful gusts.

"Up foresail—be in a hurry, lads!" cried the young hero, as soon as he could draw breath after his ducking.

The crew did so, and the next moment the little boat was flying on towards the harbour before the blast, like a sea-bird winging its way to its young one's nest.

The enemy opened a harmless fire of grape shot in the direction; but it only served to tell the anxious watchers on board Commodore Coe's vessel that something had occurred.

The latter, therefore, at once showed lights, and enabled our young hero to make a straight course for her.

It was but half-an-hour after the first gun had been fired by Admiral Brown's vessel, when the boat of the young hero rounded to alongside his own ship.

"Have you captured the flag?" inquired the señora, as Bennett bounded over the side.

The only answer she received was the banner, wet as it was from the water, and cut in two places by the balls which had been fired at its captor.

The lights of the vessel gleamed not so bright as did that lady's eyes when she caught the noble youth in her arms, and kissed him again and again.

## The Provinces.

## Fatal Mining Accident at the Thames Goldfield.

We have to record, with the utmost regret, the first accident that has happened in connection with the Golden Crown Company's works, and which has surpassed in the horror of its details, not only any occurrence on the goldfield, but even in the Province. From the particulars which we append, it will be seen that the unfortunate sufferer by this most sudden and awful casualty was mangled in the most horrible manner, so much so that the body completely defied identification. From the particulars, as gathered by our reporter, who visited the scene of the accident a short time after its occurrence, it would appear that there are two engineers in charge of the crushing and pumping works of the Golden Crown Company. These men work in twelve-hour shifts, and one of them, the head engineer, by name John Baxter, went to work at six o'clock last night as usual; and until about half-past eight o'clock the operations of the machinery went on as usual, no one having occasion to visit the building, with the exception of Baxter, who was in charge. At the hour mentioned above, a stranger went to visit Mr Cootes, who is in the employ of the Company, and occupies an office in the neighbourhood of the pumping machinery, when he was horrified at perceiving the mangled body of a human being lying on the floor of the machine room, close to the eccentric rods and governing ball. The alarm was then given, the machinery was immediately stopped, and a crowd soon congregated around the spot. The appearance presented by the body was of a fearful character, not a feature of the countenance was recognisable, and the mangled and distorted limbs scarce presented the semblance of a human individual. The viscera were protruding; and, indeed, it may be almost said that the whole remains were a mass of mangled flesh. A strict examination of the immediate locality was at once entered into, and it was found that the governing balls were sprinkled with brains and blood, as were also the eccentric rods, and a large quantity of blood was coagulated on the floor underneath the balls, and the oil-can used for oiling the machinery was found at the bottom of the pit in which the fly-wheel revolves. From an examination of the fragments of torn clothes and the disfigured remains, it was found that the unfortunate man, Baxter, after oiling the bearings of the fly-wheel, incautiously raised his head, forgetful of the close proximity of the quickly-revolving governing balls, and was struck by them, and dashed, stunned, amongst the eccentric rods, which, having torn the then senseless form, threw it in an undistinguishable heap on the part of the floor on which it was subsequently found. An inquest will be held on the remains, at which all possible particulars of this, the

suggest accident known in our community, will, no doubt, be elucidated.

There are certain matters connected with the domestic life of poor Baxter which throw an additional gloom over the unhappy event. It seems that the unfortunate man had just completed a comfortable cottage on the Shellback Creek, below Clarkson's battery, for the residence of his wife and six young children, who are left mourners over his untimely fate. We believe that the unhappy wife and family are left by this unfortunate occurrence entirely unprovided for.—*Shortland Times*.

## The Governor after Dinner.

At a dinner given at Newmarket, near Auckland, on the Prince of Wales's birthday, in connection with the New Zealand Agricultural Society's Show, Sir George F. Bowen replied to the toast of "The Governor" in the following terms:—

"I assure you I rejoice greatly to find myself among you on such an occasion—being present, not so much in my official capacity, but rather as a country gentleman (loud cheers). I am very glad to see before me so many excellent representatives of a class which has done so much for the extension of the noble, the truly 'heroic' work of colonisation—I mean the British farmer (cheers). You all may remember the lines of the poet—

Princes and peers may flourish and may fade;  
A breath can make them, as a breath hath made;  
But a bold yeomanry, their country's pride,  
When once destroyed, can never be supplied.

(Cheers.) As to the show to-day, I am sure that it is only the germ and promise of what may be expected when peace and confidence shall have been restored throughout this Colony (hear). Considering the effects of the unfortunate disturbances which have prevailed in this island, with little intermission, for the last ten years, I must say that the progress of New Zealand in material prosperity has been truly wonderful, but especially so in all the elements of agriculture. . . . Your chairman (Mr Allan Martin) alluded to the fact of my being an Irishman (cheers). The pig, they say in Ireland, is the 'gentleman' that pays the rent (laughter). But I think there are very few amongst you who know much about paying rent in New Zealand, for here I am happy to observe that nearly every man is his own landlord (hear). I do not wish to detain you with any statistics, particularly after the dinner of which we have partaken. I remember the advice of an old friend, an Irish bishop, upon this subject, which advice I will strictly follow on this occasion. 'Avoid,' said my old friend, the Bishop of —, 'speeches after dinner, for I assure you that, from my long experience, I have found, in the words of the apostle, that a man sees through a glass darkly' (laughter and cheers). While talking of Irish bishops, one naturally thinks of Irish governors, to one of whom my friend the chairman alluded. It is most true that, of the six gentlemen who have had the honour of being appointed Governors of New Zealand, five have been more or less connected with the Green Isle. So it has been on the other side of this part of the colonial empire, for all the governors who, till a few years ago, ruled over Australia, were Irishmen, with one exception; and of Sir Charles Darling it was wittily observed that in that case he had had three wives, and they were all Irishwomen. Sixteen thousand miles of sea are between us and the passions and prejudices of the old world; the cries of political discord are heard but indistinctly across half the globe. Lord Stanhope, in his History of England, states that George III. observed that, after so long an experience as his Majesty had had of public affairs, he never found an Irishman that would speak well of another Irishman, 'except with an object,' and that he never knew a Scotchman that would speak ill of another Scotchman 'except with an object.' However, gentlemen, I think it is the better plan for Irishmen to take a leaf out of the Scotchman's book, and adopt the sentiment of an Irish poet:—

Still let the orange lily be

Thy badge, my patriot brother;

The everlasting green for me,

And we for one another."

OCCUPATION OF CHILDREN.—The habits of children prove that occupation is a necessity with most of them. They love to be busy, even about nothing, and still more to be usefully employed. Children inclined to it should be disciplined in performing for themselves every little office relative to their own toilet which they are capable of performing. They should also keep their own clothes and other possessions in neat order, and fetch for themselves whatever they want. In short, they should learn to be as independent of the services of others as possible, fitting them alike to make good use of prosperity, and to meet with fortitude any reverse of fortune that may befall them.

DRUNKEN CRABS.—The leading amusement at Atlantic City consists in making crabs drunk. Bread is soaked in whisky, and the crabs come out in myriads to indulge. Those who furnish the treat find their reward in watching the queer antics of the crustacean inebriates, as soon as the fierce stimulant steals away what brains!

## An Incident of the Maori War.

(From the Thames Mails' Advocate.)

One of the most sanguinary encounters which took place between our troops and the natives during the campaign in the Waikato country of 1863-4 was the storming of Orakau. General Cameron's march from Queen's Redoubt to Te Rori had been characterised by a series of successes, some of them dearly bought, it must be acknowledged, and barren of results; but they were successes, and the Maoris continued to retire before the victorious troops. At Te Rori the forces made a longer halt than usual, in consequence of the natives having entrenched themselves in a very strong position at Paterangi, which apparently cut off any further advance without first taking this position. But after some time spent in reconnoitring the country, it was found that Te Awamutu could be reached by a roundabout track, which would also give the General the advantage of being able to attack the enemy in the rear. This was done; Paterangi was abandoned by the Maoris without anything approaching to a battle. The incidents of this affair, and the chagrin of the natives at being thus circumvented—the subsequent struggle at Rangiahia, down to the storming of Orakau, are pretty well known to those who have taken an interest in our history during the last five or six years. The Orakau affair was one of the most important engagements which took place at any period of the war. It was remarkable for great consideration on the part of the General, who had the place surrounded for some time, and had a mine ready to be sprung, which would have decimated the ranks of his opponents. On the other hand the Maoris displayed great abilities in the art of fortification, and a dogged determination to stand or fall by the result of the siege, refusing all overtures for a surrender on any terms. The result was that after some hours cannonading, a breach was made in their defences, and through some means or another the major part of the defenders of Orakau escaped in the night; but a good number remained, and fought to the last, and evinced a spirit of warfare worthy of a better cause. The pa was rushed, and some gallant fellows fell on our side during the storming of the position. The brave sixty-fifth, who did much good service in the campaign, provided part of the "forlorn hope" and it was from a corporal of the regiment, who was one of the brave band, that we obtained the particulars of the incident we have given this long digression to relate. He told the story in something like the following words:—

"I and my comrade got separated from the main body, and in the dusk of the evening suddenly found ourselves in an angle of the fortification. On looking round, the most appalling sights met our gaze—men lying dead from shot and shell wounds of the most fearful character. The Armstrong shells had carried away limbs from some, the faces from others; and blood and brains bespattered all the palisading. All at once I saw a stalwart Maori with his musket at the capping position—the muzzle pointed towards me. His eyes were set with a terrific glare, and I quite expected that if I made a movement, the contents of his gun would be lodged in my body, especially as I was not ten paces from him. I called to my comrade in a hushed voice, and our attention was directed to the Maori for several seconds in breathless suspense, when, from the peculiar immovable position of eyes and body, we became convinced that he was either dead or wounded; and with a reckless determination to know which (resisting the first impulse which naturally came to me to fire at him), we simultaneously advanced. Still the same statue-like position—the same absence of all motion which makes death so awful. On going up close to the Maori, we found that he was dead. A small wound in the breast marked the spot where an Enfield rifle bullet had entered; a congealed blood spot, very trifling, told plainly that internal bleeding had taken place. Most likely the bullet had pierced his lungs. We removed the musket from his stiffened arms and laid the body carefully down on the earth: for although we were not animated by any friendly feelings towards the natives, whatever feelings of revenge we might have felt a few minutes before were dispelled by the appalling sight. On further examination of the body we found what surprised us more than any other circumstance during the war, and which proves that the Maoris have powers of endurance superior to most of us, namely, that his leg had been broken by a shot or a splinter from the woodwork of the palisade, and that he had still done his best towards defending his cause. His fractured limb had been bound up with flax, aided by rude splints of the ti-tree bark; and in this state he had been propped up in the angle of the pa to do something further towards its defence, when a random bullet put an end to his existence—not suddenly, but by internal hemorrhage. What agony he suffered, we can never know. He was elaborately tattooed, and bore about his person other marks of being a man of more than ordinary note; and my comrade and I carefully deposited him in the earth."

works, covering the body with a mat we found near the spot. We spoke little to each other during the time we were thus engaged, and ere we had finished we heard the retire sounding. I need not say that we were very glad to get back to the camp, and I did not feel inclined that night to join in the camp jollity which celebrated the fall of Orakau. The face of that Maori was before me for weeks after, and even now I can recall the scene as if it only occurred yesterday. I am thankful to say that I was not called upon to fire another shot against the Maoris in the Waikato; and a short time after, the regiment got orders for home. Having served more than my time, I got my discharge, and remained in New Zealand."

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